

Movement Responses Available Resources and Intelligence a la Ritzler

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To: Rorschach_List@yahoogroups.com

Subject: RE: [Rorschach_List] Difference between "resources available" and "intelligence" ?

Jean,

Here is the poop on the M response. Human movement on the Rorschach is indicative of a few things:

1) It is a **rough measure** of "cognitive" resources, that is, the "cognitive" psychological processes that people use to deal with psychological problems. Some people have better "cognitive" resources than others, but the M responses usually indicate the amount and effectiveness of those resources. M is correlated with IQ tests scores, but not perfectly--M is more than cognitive intelligence. The EA ($\Sigma M + \Sigma C$) is a better indicator of the overall availability of psychological resources because it includes both "cognitive" and "emotional" resources. Therefore, EA is a better indicator of emotional intelligence than M. By the way, I do not like the calling of IQ tests "cognitive tests." They are still just intelligence tests.

There are other ways of assessing cognition (the Comprehensive System cognitive clusters and neuropsychology tests, for instance). To get a full picture of a person's cognitive functioning, you need more information than just their performance on an IQ test even though the standard IQ tests are better now than they use to be at assessing cognition.

2) M also is a rough measure of cognitive empathy. People with more M on their Rorschach (especially if the M responses are in good shape) usually have better empathy.

3) M is a rough measure of the capacity for fantasy--that's why we code M when a figure is engaged in movement that is not characteristic of the species.

M is a very important type of response on the Rorschach. We look closely at all Ms and assess their overall quality as we try to get an indication of the person's cognitive functioning. People who have many (and good) Ms on the Rorschach usually are high functioning individuals.

Also, schizophrenics and other cognitively "different" people give many Ms (but the quality is not usually as good). You can learn a lot about a person by reviewing their Ms on the Rorschach.

Barry

From: Rorschach_List@yahoogroups.com on behalf of masselinj

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Subject: [Rorschach_List] Difference between "resources available" and "intelligence"?

Listmates hello,

My understanding of M determinant is that it reflects the resources which are available at the individual's level.

Could someone clarify then the difference between this concept and intelligence, especially "emotional intelligence"?

Isn't there some overlapping? If yes, do empirical studies confirm correlations?

Jean